

Question 1: Is the Technical Assistance Response Team (TART) contract a national/headquarters contract? If so, will it be a multiple award contract? How many awards are expected?

Answer: START III is a national class of contracts that will have a consistent SOW for **Emergency Response Activities** used by each of the 10 EPA Regional Offices. Some START III procurements will be awarded by EPA OAM SRRPOD located in HQs (Washington , DC), and others by the requiring Regional Office. It is anticipated that multiple awards will be made, but the final answer will be provided in the formal RFP(s) for the START III procurement(s). The number of multiple awards have not been determined at this time, but at least two per Region.

Question 2: Is START III/TART meant as a replacement for the START II regional contracts? or is this an overlapping contract vehicle?

Answer: START III is the official recompetes of the START II class of regional contracts.

Question 3. For START III are there any remedial action contract (RAC) exclusions? or any headquarters vs. regional level contract exclusions?

Answer: The same restrictions/concerns (LOFC, COI plan, etc...) as identified in START II are anticipated to apply to START III. The final answer to this question, will be identified within the RFP for the respective Regional START III recompetes. EPA anticipates placing the LOFC and COI clauses on the internet prior to the release of the respective solicitation(s).